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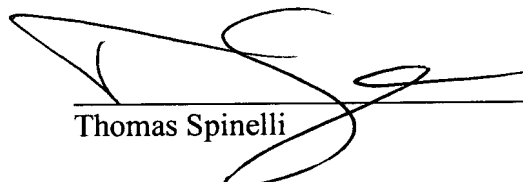
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application, First Publication No. S58-155087, dated September 14, 1983, together with English translation; and
2. Japanese Patent Publication No. H11-507229, dated June 29, 1999, together with corresponding Abstract of International PCT Publication No. WO 96/40858, dated December 19 1996.

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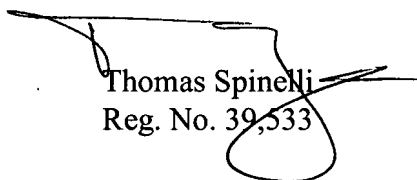

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The references were cited in an Official Action dated March 13, 2007 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references required by 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii), the Official Action, and an English translation of the Official Action. Please note the other reference cited in the Official Action, namely “Salon” Nagoya Orthopedic Surgery Class, “Development of regeneration techniques for extending the back”, dated January 16, 2002, was previously submitted in Applicants’ Information Disclosure Statement dated September 28, 2004. The relevance of the references is described in the Official Action.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of an official action by a foreign examiner in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the references, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner’s comments submitted herewith.

The undersigned attorney hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
		S58-155087	9/14/1983	Japan				
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